THE ORDER OF MY LORD MAYOR THE *Aldermen*, and the *Sheriffs*

For their Meetings and wearing of Apparel throughout the whole year.

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GUILDHALL LONDON

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Upon *Midsummer Day*,

For the Election of the

SHERIFFS of LONDON, &c.

MY Lord Mayor and the Aldermen, with the Sheriffs, meet at the Guild-hall at eight of the Clock in the Morning, apparelled in their Violet Gowns lined, and their Cloaks of Scarlet lined, without their Horses.

And when they have been together in the Council-Chamber a certain time, concerning the Nomination of certain persons to be Elected, my Lord and the Aldermen

dermen come out, and put on their Cloaks in the Orphans Court, and then go down in order to the Hustings Court, and there being set, Master Recorder standeth up, and maketh his Obeysance, first to my Lord, and then unto the Commons, and declareth unto them wherefore they are assembled together, shewing unto them that it is for the Election of one of the Sheriffs of London and the Sheriff of Middlesex, for the Year next ensuing, and the confirmation of the other Sheriff nominated by my Lord Mayor, according to his Prerogative; and also for Master Chamberlain, and other Officers.

But my Lord and the Aldermen go up to my Lords Court, and there remain until the Sheriff

riff be named and chosen, the door shut to them.

Then Master Sheriffs, Master Chamberlain, Master Common Serjeant, Master Town-Clerk, and the Counsellors of the City, and other Officers, remain still in the Hustings Court, to take and receive the Name of him that shall seem by their judgments, freely and with one consent to be nominated and elected, and justly tried out, not only by voice, but also by hands, to be Sheriff for the Year following.

Then the Commons go to the Election of Master Chamberlain, the two Bridg-Masters, the Auditors of the City and Bridg-house accounts, and the Surveyors of Beer and Ale, according to the accustomed manner.

That done, the Sheriffs, Ma-

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ster Chamberlain, Master Common Sergeant, Master Town-Clerk, the Counsellors of the City, the two Secondaries, and the Wardens of the head Companies, Master Common Crier going before them with his Mace, carry up the Report to my Lord and the Aldermen of their said Election.

Which Report received, my Lord and the Aldermen come down again to the Hustings Court, and there being set in order and placed, Master Recorder standeth up as he did before, and maketh rehearsal of the names of those whom they have nominated and chosen, asking them whether it be their free Election, yea or no. And they grant, Yea, yea. Then Master Recorder giveth them thanks, and so they arise and depart home.

On

On Bartholomew Even, for the Fair in Smithfield.

THe Aldermen meet my Lord and the Sheriffs at the Guild-hall Chappel, at two of the Clock after Dinner, in their Violet Gowns lined, and their Horses, without Cloaks, and there hear Evening Prayer: which being done, they take their Horses and ride to Newgate, and so forth of the Gate, entring into the Cloth-Fair, and there make a Proclamation: the Proclamation being made, they ride throughthe Cloth-Fair, and so return back again through the Church-yard of great St. Bartholomews to Aldersgate, and so ride home again to the Lord Mayors house.

On St Bartholomew day, For Wrestling.

SO many Aldermen as do dine with my Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs be apparelled in their Scarlet Gowns lined, and after Dinner their Horses be brought to them where they dine: and those Aldermen which dine with the Sheriffs ride with them to my Lords House to accompany him to the Wrestling. Then, when the Wrestling is done, they take their Horses and ride back again through the Fair, and so in at Aldersgate, and so home again to the said Lord Mayors House.

The next day, if it be not Sunday, for the Shooting, as upon Bartholomew-day: but if it be Sunday, the Monday following

For

For our Lady-day in Southwark.

MY Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs ride to Saint Magnus Church in their Scarlet Gowns lined, without their Cloaks, after Dinner, at two of the Clock, and there the Aldermen meet my Lord, and after the Evening Prayer they ride through the Fair, till they come unto S. Georges Church, and farther to Newington Bridge, or to S. Thomas of Waterings, to the stones that point out the Liberties of the City, (if it be so their pleasures) and they return back again unto the Bridge-house, and have a Banquet there, and then over the Bridge, and there the Aldermen take their leave of my Lord, and depart the next way, every

Embroydered Cap, Pearl Sword, Collar of Esles without Hood.

every one to his house. And after all is done, and my Lord brought home, my Lord Mayors Officers have a Supper made them by the Bridge-masters.

For the Swearing of the Sheriffs upon Michaelmas Even.

WHat day soever it falleth, so many of the Aldermen as be bidden to Dinner to either of the Sheriffs, come thither to Breakfast, or else to drink, at eight of the Clock in the morning, in their Violet Gowns furred, with their Violet Cloaks furred, brought with them, without Hoyles. And if the Sheriff be an Alderman, then they must put on their Cloak, and the Sheriff likewise his Cloak, and so go to the Guild-hall between two of the gra

gray Cloaks: and if the Sheriff be no Alderman, then to come between two of the Aldermen without Cloaks, and the Sheriff in his Livery Gown and his Hood, and after when he is swoyn, then to put on his Violet Gown and Cloak, and his Chain thereon. And the Aldermen must bring him home to his place, with their Cloaks, to Dinner, and so after Dinner take their pleasure.

Upon Michaelmas-day, for the Election of my Lord Mayor.

ALL the Aldermen meet my Lord and the Sheriffs at eight of the Clock in the Morning at Guild-hall, in their Scarlet Gowns and their Cloaks furred, and their Hoyles: and after they

have been a certain time together in the Council-Chamber, they come forth into the Orphans Court and put on their Cloaks, and so go in order to the Chappel, there hearing Service and Sermon, and my Lord with certain Aldermen receive the Communion.

And then after the Communion ended, and they have offered, return again into the Council Chamber, and, pausing a while, return to the place where the Hustings is kept, and being set in order, Master Recorder ariseth up, and maketh his obeysance first to my Lord, and after to the Commons, and declareth unto them, that they of old custom know that the cause of their Assembly and meeting together is for the Election of the Lord Mayor for the year ensuing; declaring unto

unto them divers Grants from the Kings Progenitors for this their Election from time to time. That done, my Lord and the Aldermen go up into my Lords Court, and there tarry (the door being shut to them) till the Election be brought to them. Then standeth up Master Common-Serjeant, (the Sheriffs standing on either side of him) and by the Sheriffs, Master Chamberlain, M. Town-Clerk, the two Secondaries, and the Counsellors of the City, in the said Hustings Court before the Commons. And he the said Common-Serjeant maketh a short rehersal of that M. Recorder had spoken to them before, saying, There resteth no more for him to say, but to put them in remembrance in what order and sort they should use themselves in their Election; that is, how they must

nominate and chuse two Aldermen wich have been Sheriffs, of the which two my Lord and the Aldermen must elect one: which two being nominated, elected, and chosen, Master Common-Serjeant, the Sheriffs, with the rest before named, and certain of the head Wardens of the chief Companies, go up to my Lord and the Aldermen, and there present the names of those two which the Commons have nominated in their Election.

Then the Lord Mayor and the Aldermen proceed by scrutiny to elect one of those two persons, which the said Commons had before nominated. Then cometh down my Lord again to the Hustings Court, and he (whom they have chosen) on his left hand, and so my Lord and the Aldermen sit down again in order: but he who

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is chosen, sitteth next unto my Lord on his left hand. Then standeth Master Recorder up, and readeth unto them the names of such persons whom they have nominated and chosen: of which my Lord and the Aldermen have admitted one, whose name is N. asking them whether it be their free Election, yea or no: and the Commons answer, Yea, yea. Then the Sword-Bearer taketh off his Tippet, and hath it for his labour, and putteth on his Chain, and the Mayor new elected standeth upon the Hustings Court, and giveth thanks, &c. That being done, the Old Mayor doth likewise give them thanks, &c. Then they arise up, and put off their Cloaks, and my Lord Mayor hath the Lord Elect riding with him to the elect Sheriffs to Dinner.

For presenting of my Lord Elect to the Lord Chancellor (or Lord Keeper.)

THen after Dinner my Lord Elect goeth to my Lord Chancellor, (or Lord Keeper) if he be at home at his place, or near unto it, with five or six of the Aldermen, and Master Recorder with him, in their Violet Gowns, either by Foot or by Water, as the Dwelling place of the Chancellor (or Lord Keeper) requireth. The Common-Hunt, with the extraordinary Officers, and those that be at Liberty, attend on him.

The

The morrow after *Michaelmas-day* for the Sheriffs going to *Weſtminſter*.

ALL the Aldermen muſt be at the two Sheriffs houſes in the morning at eight of the Clock in their Violet Gowns furred, and their Horſes without Cloaks: but my Lord, Maſter Recorder and the two Sheriffs muſt be in their Scarlet Gowns furred, and their Cloaks born to Weſtminſter with them, and ſo ride to the Guild hall and from thence to the Vintree, and there taking Barge, land at Weſtminſter Bridge, and in the Hall put on their Cloaks, and ſo go up to the Exchequer: and there the two new Sheriffs be preſented and the old ſworn to their account.

Then they put off their Cloaks and take Barge, landing again at the Vinetree, and there take Horse: and my Lord Mayor rideth to the eldest Sheriffs to dinner, Master Recorder and the Sheriffs riding next my Lord, the two Sheriffs carrying two white Rods in their hands, and their Bench-men going after him.

The Order for *Simon & Judes-day.*

THe old Mayor shall have so many of the Aldermen as dine with him come to his place at eight of the Clock in the morning, in their Violet Gowns furred, with their Violet Cloaks furred, and Hoyles, and the Sheriffs to fetch him to the Hall, and there tarry in the Council Chamber until the new Mayor cometh, and the

the reſt of the Aldermen come, with the Company of either of the Lords before them: and after they have been together a certain ſpace, come forth into the Orphans Court, and put on their furred Cloaks, and go to the Huſtings Court: and there being ſet in order, the Common-Crier maketh Proclamation, commanding every man to keep ſilence.

Then Maſter Town-Clerk giveth him his Oath: and when he hath taken his Oath, the old Lord ariſeth, and giveth the new Lord his place, the old Lord taking the new Lords place: and then Maſter Chamberlain delivereth firſt to him the Scepter, next the Keys of the Common Seal, laſtly, the Seal of the Office of the Majoralty; after Maſter Sword-bearer giveth him the Sword. Then they ariſe and put off their

Cloaks,

Cloaks, and the old Lord rideth home with the new Lord to his place, and there leaveth him, and as many of the Aldermen as dine with him. And the old Lord, with the rest of the Aldermen, ride to his place, the Sword born before him: and so after Dinner the Aldermen depart home at their pleasure.

On the morrow after *Simon* and *Jude's-day*, for my Lords going to take his Oath at *Westminster*.

A Velvet Hood, Cap of Maintenance.

ALL the Aldermen and the Sheriffs come to my new Lord at eight of the Clock in their Scarlet Gowns furred, and their Cloaks born with them, and their Horses, and so ride to the Guild-hall, and the Batcheloys and the Live-

Livery of my Lords Company before him.

But the old Lord rideth from his own place to the Hall alone, having no Officers to wait upon him but the Common-Hunt, as Gentleman-Usher, going, and those Officers that be at liberty, and the Common-Hunt his man, with his own men following him) and so tarrieth at the Hall. A Velvet Hood for both Mayors.

And after they be come all together, they take their Horses, and ride to the Vinetree, and there take Barge to Westminster Bridge.

And after they be landed the Lord Mayor and the Aldermen put on their Cloaks within the Place, and go round about the Hall, making Curtesie in the Hall, and go up to the Exchequer to be sworn. Then after the Oath taken in the Exchequer, they come down again, and go first to the

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Kings-Bench, then to the Com
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Tombs in Westminster-Abby
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Lord Mayor goeth into the Cham
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first coming into the Hall, goeth
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ngs, and there keepeth the State for that Feast. And after the Hall is almost served of the second, then the new Lord Mayor goeth with Master Recorder and those Aldermen that dine with him, to bid the old Lord and all the Guests in the Hall Welcome. Then after Dinner goeth to St. Pauls, with all the Companies waiting before my Lord.

For going to St. *Pauls* on *All-Saints-day*, *Christmas-day*, *Twelfth-day*, & *Candlemas-day*.

ALL the Aldermen and the Sheriffs come to my Lords place in their Scarlet Gowns furred, and their Cloaks and Hoods, and from thence ride to the Guild-Hall, my Lords Company and the Batchelors before him, and

A Velvet Hood for both. All-Saints day is the last day that the old Lord rides with the new

Cap of Maintenance.

and there hear Evening-Prayer and when Prayer is done, the ride to St. Pauls, and there bot the new Lord Mayor and the ol put on their Cloaks, and go u to the Quire, and there hear th Sermon: which done they g about the Church, and there pu off their Cloaks where they wer put on. Then they take their Ho ses again, and the Alderme hying my Lord home, and the they have Spice-bread and Hipp cras, and so take their leave of m Lord.

Upon St. *Thomas-day.*

If it be not Sunday.

THe Lord Mayor and eve Alderman is to sit in h Ward in his Violet Gown a Cloak furred.

For the *Christmas- Holidays.*

FOr Christmas-Holidays, untill Twelfth-day, if my Lord and the Aldermen go abroad to any publick meeting, they are to wear Scarlet: but on the Working days, within the twelve days, if my Lord go to the Guild-Hall, Markets, or Streets, they wear Black. No Cloa

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Upon *Innocents-day.*

UPon Innocents-day the Aldermen dine at my Lords, and the Sheriffs in Scarlet; but the Ladies wear black. No State

For

For Monday after *Twelfth-day*.

MY Lord and the Aldermen meet at the Guild-hall at eight of the Clock in the morning in their Scarlet Gowns furred, and their Cloaks furred, without Hoyses, to receive of their Wards their Indentures of the Wardmote inquest, and for the swearing of the Constables and Scavengers.

For *Good-Friday*.

Black Sword. MY Lord and the Aldermen meet at St. Plauls-Crosse at one of the Clock to hear the Sermon in their pewk Gowns and without their Chains and Tippets.

For

For Monday and Tuesday in *Easter-week.*

ALL the Aldermen and Sheriffs come unto my Lords place before eight of the Clock to breakfast, in their Scarlet Gowns furred, and their Cloaks and Hoses: and after breakfast, take their Hoses and ride to the Spittle, and there put on their Cloaks, and so sit down in order to hear the Sermon; which done, they ride homward in order, till they come to the Pump within Bishopsgate, and there so many of the Aldermen as do dine with the Sheriffs take their leave of my Lord, and the rest go home with him.

A Hood for my Lord. Cap of Maintenance.

For Wednesday in *Easter-week*

LIke as before in the other two days, save that my Lord and the Aldermen must be in their Violet Gowns, and suitable Cloaks, but the Ladies in Black.

For *Low-Sunday*

ALL the Aldermen meet my Lord and the Sheriffs at St. Pauls School in their Scarlet Gowns furred, without their Cloaks on Horses, to hear the Sermon.

For *Whit-ſunday*

FOr Whitſunday all the Aldermen meet my Lord and the Sheriffs at the new Church-yard, in their Scarlet Gowns lined, without Cloaks, to hear the Sermon: which being ended, they depart.

For Munday and Tueſday in *Whitſun-week*.

ALL the Aldermen muſt meet my Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs at St. Pauls in their Scarlet Gowns, without Cloaks to hear the Sermon. If his pleaſure be to go.

For the Lord Mayors Knighthood.

ALL the Aldermen meet my Lord either at the three Cranes (if the King be at Westminster) or at St. Mary-hill, (if the King be at Greenwich) by seven of the Clock in the morning, in their Scarlet Gowns and Cloaks born with them: and after Morning-Prayer, they take Barge to the Kings place, where they attend till that Ceremony be ended, and so go home with my Lord Mayor to dinner.

For

For Going to St. *Pauls* the first Sunday of every Term.

ALL the Aldermen meet my Lord and the Sheriffs at St. Pauls, in their Scarlet Gowns furred or lined, without Cloaks or Horse, as the time of the year requireth, when the Term beginneth.

For Election of Knights and Burgesses of the Parliament.

ALL the Aldermen meet my Lord and the Sheriffs at Guild-hall at nine of the Clock, in their Violet Gowns and their Cloaks furred or lined, as the time of the year when they shall be chosen requireth, and sit in the Hustings Court while the

Commons chuſe them. The order is, that they muſt chuſe Maſter Recorder for one of their Knights, and one grey Cloak for the other, and two Commoners for the Burgeſſes: which done they depart.

For the Lords of the Council coming down for Subſidies.

FOr the Lords and Commiſſioners coming down to aſſeſs the Subſidies, my Lord Mayor and the Aldermen were their black Gowns as at other times, and the Commiſſioners are to be warned by Maſter Sheriffs Officers.

For

For the Election of Master Chamberlain and Bridge-Masters, if any of them depart within the year.

MY Lord and the Aldermen sit in the Hustings Court while they be chosen, in their violet Gowns without their Cloaks, and do not remove untill the Election be done.

For the Coronation of a King

ALL the Aldermen meet my Lord and the Sheriffs at the Three-Cranes in the Vintry, at the hour of their summons, in their Scarlet Gowns and Cloaks born with them, lined or furred, according to the time of the year, where taking Barge, they

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land at Westminster, and there they attend in the Checquer-Chamber (being served with Wine and Cakes until they are called by the Heralds): then they put on their Cloaks.

The use of my Lords Cloak.

in-upon hael-Even. FRom Michaelmas to Whitsontide, Violet furred: and from Whitsontide to Michaelmas Scarlet lined.

The Lord Mayor and those Knights that have born the Office of Mayoralty ought to have their Cloaks furred with grey Amis, and those Aldermen that have not been Mayors are to have their Cloaks furred with Calabre.

And likewise such as have been Mayors are to have their Cloaks lined with changeable Taffaty, and

and the reſt are to have them lined with green Taffaty.

For the firſt day of every Quater-Seſſions.

THe firſt day of every Quarter-Seſſions, in the forenoon only, my Lord and the Sheriffs wear their Violet Gowns and Cloaks furred; but at Midſummer Quarter-Seſſions the firſt day they wear Violet Gowns and Scarlet Cloaks, and on the other days Black.

For

For the burial of Aldermen.

THe Aldermen must be in their Violet Gowns, except such as have of their Friends black Gowns. When any Alderman dieth, Master Sword-bearer is to have a black Gown, or xxxiji. s. iv. d. in money: and if he giveth my Lord a black Gown, Master Sword-bearer is to have another or xl. s. in mony, the price thereof and so carry the Sword in black before my Lord.

Master Chamberlain is not to wear his Tippet, but when my Lord Mayor or the Aldermen wear their Scarlet or Violet.

At the Nomination of an Alderman.

FOr the Nomination of an Alderman, my Lord weareth his black Gown and Violet Cloak, and both the Sheriffs black Gowns

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For the Orphans Court.

MY Lord and the Aldermen meet at the Guild-hall in their Violet Gowns without Cloaks, but my Lord Mayor must have his Cloak. This Court the Common-Crier warneth.

At the Election of Governours for *Christs-Hospital.*

FOr the Election of the Governours of the several Hospitals, the Lord Mayor and the Aldermen wear black Gowns.

The Chamberlain, Common-Serjeant, Town Clerk, two Judges of the Sheriffs Courts, four Pleaders, under-Chamberlain, the Secondaries, Remembrancer, Solicitor and Bridge-Masters are to attend and walk before the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, upon all Festival times and general days, when they ride together for the state of the City.

Courts

Court of Aldermen.

COurts of Aldermen in Ordinary are kept at the Guild-hall every Tuesday and Thursday through the whole year, except Holy-days, the Month of August, until Bartholomew-day be past, the Week before Christmas, Shrove-Tuesday, and the Week before Easter.

It hath been usual when the Lord Mayor and Aldermen wear Scarlet and Violet Gowns also to wear their Velvet Tippets.

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The Names of the ſeveral Companies in their Order

1. Mercers.
2. Grocers.
3. Drapers.
4. Fiſhmongers.
5. Goldſmiths.
6. Skinners.
7. Merchant-Taylors.
8. Haberdaſhers.
9. Salters.
10. Iron-mongers.
11. Vintners.
12. Cloth-workers.
13. Dyers.
14. Brewers.
15. Leatherſellers.
16. Pewterers.
17. Barber-Surgions.
18. Cutlers.
19. Bakers.
20. Wax-Chandlers.
21. Tallow-Chandlers.
22. Armourers.
23. Girdlers.
24. Butchers.
25. Sadlers.
26. Carpenters.
27. Cordwainers.
28. Painter-Stainers.
29. Curriers.
30. Maſons.
31. Plummers.
32. Inholders.
33. Founders.
34. Poulterers.
35. Cooks.

Cooks.
Coopers.
Tilers and Bricklayers.
Bowyers.
Fletchers.
Black-Smiths.
Joyners.
Weavers.
Woolmen.
Scriveners.
Fruiterers.
Plaisterers.
Stationers.
Embroiderers.
Upholders.
Musicians.
Turners.
Basket-makers.
Glasiers.
Horners
Farriers.
Paviors.
Lawriners.

Apothecaries.
Ship wright.
Spectacle-maker
Clock- makers.
Glovers.
Comb- makers
Felt-makers.
Frame-work-knitters.
Silk-Throers.
Carmen.
Pin-makers
Needle-makers.
Gardiners.
Sope-makers.
Tin-plate-workers.
Wheelwrights.
Distillers.
Hatband-makers.
Patten-makers.
Glass-sellers.
Tobacco-Pipe-makers.